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REFERENCE IS ~~SECRET~~ USAF MESSAGE AFCGM 52401, DATED 22 JUNE 1958 AND TELL ONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN COLONEL JOHN MARTIN, AFDAT, AND COLONEL DON BURRUS, RDRB, 5 MAY. REQUEST AFDAT TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO REISSUE GUIDELINES SIMILAR TO THOSE CONTAINED IN REFERENCED AFCGM MESSAGE. THE 6593RD TEST SQUADRON (SPECIAL) HICKAM, HAWAII IS EXPERIENCING SEVERE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING NECESSARY AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION, SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT, AND NECESSARY TRAINING IN PREPARING TO TRANSITION FROM C-119 AIRCRAFT TO C-130B'S. SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS EXAMPLE OF ALL COMMAND

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MESSAGE: THE 6593RD TEST SQUADRON (SPECIAL), HICKAM AFB, HAWAII IS ASSIGNED THE MISSION OF AERIAL RECOVERY OF CAPSULES RELEASED FROM ORBIT IN SUPPORT OF THE DISCOVERER AND SAMOS PROJECTS. PD-62-1-1 ASSIGNS A PRECEDENCE OF 1-1 TO THIS PROJECT. IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE CAPABILITY OF THE SQUADRON TO INCLUDE RECOVERY OF THE DISCOVERER AND SAMOS CAPSULES, THE NINE C-119 AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY IN USE ARE BEING REPLACED BY FIVE C-130B'S. DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE C-130B'S IS JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 1960. RELEASE OF C-119 AIRCRAFT IS PREDICATED UPON MAINTAINING THE PRESENT AERIAL RECOVERY CAPABILITY. AIRCREWS AND ALL POSSIBLE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL PRESENTLY ASSIGNED THE SQUADRON WILL BE RETRAINED. ALL COMMANDS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON MATTERS OF TRAINING, AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION, AND SUPPORT TO THE 6593RD TEST SQUADRON (SPECIAL).

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